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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Collection of Information; Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

Title of Proposed Collection: Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering.

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. Such a notice was published at Federal Register 38228, Dated July 23, 1996. No public comments were received.

The materials are now being sent to OMB for review. Send any written comments to Desk Officer: OMB No. 3145-0062, OIRA, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Comments should be received by October 18, 1996.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: Graduate Students in science, engineering, and health fields in U.S. colleges and universities, by source and mechanism of support and by demographic characteristics—A mail survey, the Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering originated in 1966 and has been conducted annually since 1972.

The survey is the academic graduate enrollment components of the NSF statistical program that seeks to "provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on the availability of, and the current and projected need for, scientific and technical resources in the United States, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal government" as mandated in the

National Science Foundation Act of 1950. The proposed project will continue the current survey cycle for three to five years. The annual Fall surveys for 1996 through 2000 will survey the universe of approximately 725 institutions offering accredited graduate programs in science, engineering, or health. The survey has provided continuity of statistics on graduate school enrollment and support for graduate students in all science and engineering and health fields, with separate data requested on demographic characteristics (race/ethnicity and gender by full-time and part-time enrollment status). Statistics from the survey are published in NSF's annual publication series Academic Science and Engineering Graduates, in NSF publications Science and Engineering Indicators, Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering, and are available electronically on the World Wide Web.

The survey will be mailed primarily to the administrators at the Institutional Research Offices. To minimize burden the NSF is exploring possibilities for using an automatic survey questionnaire (ASQ) diskette, on which institutions would receive their previous year's data and a complete program for editing and trend checking. Respondents will be encouraged to participate in this initiative should they so wish. Traditional paper questionnaires will also be available, with edition and trend checking performed as part of the survey processing. The public response burden is estimated to be one hour and forty-five minutes per response.

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NSF Reports Clearance Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-255]

Consumers Power Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-20 issued to Consumers Power Company (the licensee) for operation of the Palisades Plant located in Van Buren County, Michigan.

The proposed amendment would revise the Palisades Technical Specifications (TS) Administrative Controls section (Section 6) to adopt the format of NUREG-1432, "Standard Technical Specifications, Combustion Engineering Plants." The proposed amendment would also revise definition, safety limit, limiting condition for operation, and surveillance requirement TS associated with the revision of the administrative controls section, and would make editorial revisions to references throughout the TS to 10 CFR Part 20 requirements.

The proposed amendment classified the changes as Less Restrictive, More Restrictive, Relocated, or Administrative.

Proposed changes classified as less restrictive include revision of surveillance intervals for inservice inspection (ISI) of the chemical and volume control system regenerative heat exchanger, inspection of containment spray nozzles, and containment integrated leak rate testing; and revision or deletion of several administrative and reporting requirements.

In addition to these less restrictive changes, the proposed amendment would also add new requirements, or revise certain existing requirements to result in additional operational restrictions (classified as "More Restrictive" changes); relocate selected requirements from the TS to other licensee-controlled documents (classified as "Relocated" changes); and move or clarify requirements within the TS without affecting their technical content (classified as "Administrative" changes).

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis